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going home

a resource guide for people
leaving corrections facilities

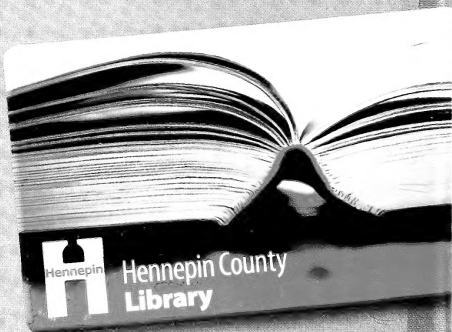


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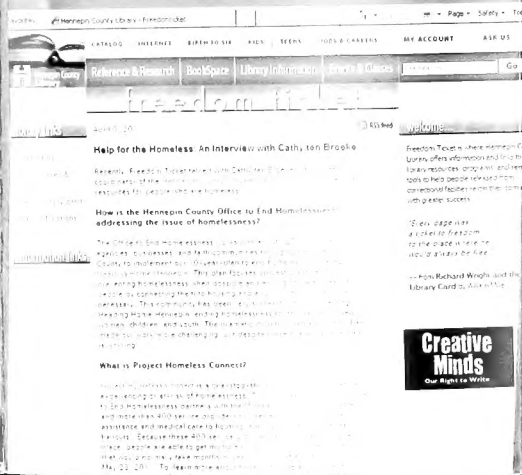
"Every page was a ticket to freedom,
to the place where he would always be free."

Richard Wright and the Library Card by William Miller

Freedom Ticket: A Website Just for You

Freedom Ticket is a website created by Hennepin County Library for people leaving corrections facilities. It highlights library services, books, resources and local organizations to help people rejoin their community with greater success. For more information about libraries and reentry resources, please visit:

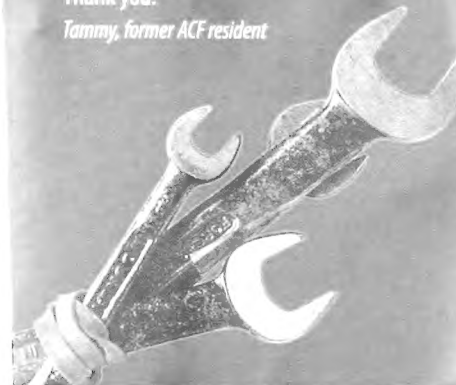
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"When the world seemed
to close me out by saying
'you can't,' the library
reopened the doors
by supporting literacy, promoting
employment, and encouraging
entrepreneurship through the start-up
of small businesses by saying 'YOU CAN!'
My incarceration may only last a few
months, but the profound effect
the library has had on me
will certainly last a lifetime!"
Daniel, former ACF resident

"I love my library because even
though I was locked up in jail, I was still
able to further my education in the
automotive industry. I faithfully studied
every day out of a textbook and now I
can complete simple repairs on just
about any vehicle. It's been my passion
to work on cars. I'm truly
grateful for the library!
They got me started on my
career path! Someday I will have
my own shop if I take one step at a time.
Thank you!"

Tammy, former ACF resident



"Hennepin County Library has been,
and still is to this day, a very important
resource to me for reading, finding
information about different things, books,
movies, music, online services,
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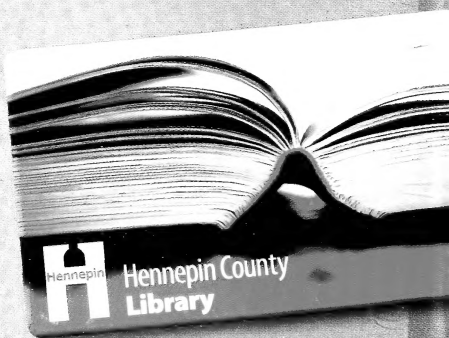


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Always remember that the library is a safe place. If you're not sure, ask a staff member. They'll be happy to help you. If you're not sure, ask a staff member. They'll be happy to help you.

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continuing your education

At the library you can learn what you need to at your own pace, and it's free.

At the Hennepin County Library Franklin Learning Center, adults prepare for the GED and U.S. citizenship exams or study English, math, science, social studies, technology and life skills. Students work one-to-one or in small groups with instructors and tutors.

Is going back to school part of your job search plan? More education and training might mean more opportunities and money, and the library has many resources to increase your knowledge, get information about schools, prepare for tests such as the ACT or SAT, or even your CDL, learn about trades and apprenticeship programs, and apply for financial aid.

Your library card is your ticket to free computer use, complete with Internet. Don't know your way around a computer? Sign up for free classes or ask staff at our libraries, especially those with computer lab or technology centers, to show you how to use a computer, set up an email account, or search the Internet for a job.

MORE RESOURCES

Minnesota Literacy Council
1.800.222.1990
www.themlc.org

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System (MNSCU)
1.888.667.2848
www.mnscu.edu

finding a job

Looking for a job can be hard for someone with a criminal record, but finding a job is the most important part of a successful reentry into your community. Steady employment provides income, a sense of pride and a chance to prove you can take care of yourself.

Your library can be a great resource. Come to one of our Jobs and Small Business Centers to look for a job, write a résumé, learn interview strategies and more. Staff and community partners, such as WorkForce Centers, will help you get what you need.

In addition to using the library's computers to apply for jobs online, our staff can help you reformat your résumé or set up an email account.

There's also a program just for you. The World of Work program at North Regional Library is free to men and women with criminal backgrounds who need assistance finding a job, writing a résumé, disclosing a criminal record, and interviewing. You can also find job leads to companies with a history of hiring people with criminal records.

The library can also help if you're interested in self-employment and starting a small business. Our Jobs and Small Business Centers can help you explore different types of business opportunities, create a business plan, reach your target market and promote your business.

Once you have found employment, the library also has personal finance resources, credit repair information and tax forms.

MORE RESOURCES

ISEEK
1.800.657.8372
www.iseek.org

Minnesota WorkForce Centers
1.888.438.5627
www.minnesotaworks.net

putting a roof over your head

From coping with homelessness to buying a house, library staff can help you find the housing resources you need. The library also has information about rental issues, buying and selling a home, or dealing with foreclosure.

Also, no matter where you live, the library offers a quiet space where you can read a book, work on a job application, or use the Internet.

MORE RESOURCES

Metro Shelter Hotline
1.888.234.1329

strengthening relationships

The library is fun and free, so it's a great destination for families. You'll find something of interest for everyone in your family, such as books, movies and music. There are also storytimes for children, Homework Help for students and reading events for teens.

The library also has books and other resources that might be helpful as you reconnect with your family and adjust to interacting with friends, neighbors and community. Improve your communication skills, increase your knowledge of community, or learn more about relationships from dating to marriage.

taking care of yourself

Reentering your community after being incarcerated isn't easy, so taking care of yourself is essential.

Whether you need to learn more about coping with substance abuse issues or getting back in shape, the library has a wide variety of books and DVDs on health-related topics.

Attitude is everything, and the library has resources that can help you learn more about stress and anger management, depression and other mental health issues.

The library also has an Adaptive Technology Center and books-by-mail program that offers resources specifically for people with disabilities.

MORE RESOURCES

Alcoholics Anonymous
952.922.0850
www.aa-minneapolis.org

Arabic Plus
www.arabicplus.org

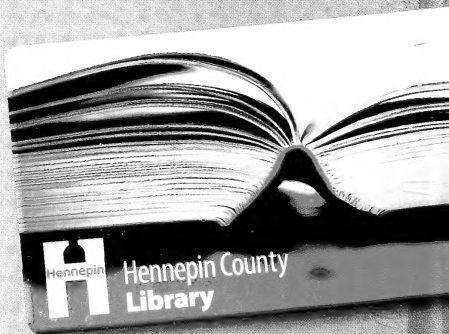
NAMI Minnesota
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Reentry.org
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Long Lake
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1805 Wayzata Blvd. W.
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Maple Grove
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8001 Main St. N.
Maple Grove

Maple Plain
612.543.5700
5184 Main St. E.
Maple Plain

Minneapolis Central
612.543.6000
300 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis

Minnetonka
612.543.5725
19324 Excelsior Blvd.
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Nokomis
612.543.6500
9100 34th Ave. S.
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North Regional
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1815 Lovoy Ave. N.
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2200 Central Ave. N.E.
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